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PCO FACILITIES IN GOA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of PCO facilities which allow a consumer to access a Mobile phone user at the cost of Rs. 1/- (coin) per call;

(b) if so, whether the Government is aware that consumers can only use this facility in North Goa and not South Goa although the geographical distance between the two districts and their main cities is not much; and

(c) if so, the action the Government intends to take to correct this disparity?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is proposed to remove the disparity by permitting access to mobile telephone numbers within the circle from all CCB PCOs and simultaneously rationalizing the tariff structure of the local PCOs after suitable modifications in the coin collection box instruments.